

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

THE FLAMES.

The disastrous conflagration yesterday afternoon.

The terrible fire yesterday afternoon in the square bounded by Grand avenue, Poplar street, Marshall and Seventh, which spread through almost the entire block of dwellings, carrying terror and destruction to dozens of homes, has been given to the public, with almost all its details, by the morning papers. This calamity has no parallel in our local history for this year. It is a matter of impossibility to arrive at the exact loss entailed by such a disastrous conflagration, and we are compelled to be satisfied with a rough estimate of the sufferers. There are some things about this dreadful event that warrant explanation. Why was it that, when alarm-bells were rung in the immediate vicinity of the scene of the fire, a policeman travelled to the Twelfth District Station-house, at Tenth and Thompson streets, to strike the alarm, thus permitting the flames to gain an uncontrollable headway? and how was it that our new Paid Fire Department was so dilatory in getting upon the ground and into active operation? We expect something better of it.

So far as we are able to ascertain, the losses are as follows:

On John W. Middleton—	Loss.	Insurance.
On mill.....	\$35,000	\$10,000
On machinery.....	10,000	
Occupants—		
Augustus Fritz.....	\$6,000	
Edward Berkhardt.....	700	
Barrett Robinson.....	1,000	
Charles Gross.....	2,000	
William Minor.....	800	
Robert Robinson.....	500	
John L. Harvey.....	2,000	
T. G. Spill.....	2,000	
N. W. Gregory.....	200	
Stanley & Weber.....	2,000	
Flaming mill.....	25,000	8,000
Dwellings on Marshall street, the majority not insured—		

No.	Occupants.	Loss.
928.	Bryan McIntosh.....	\$500
921.	Henry Dickinson.....	400
923.	James Dalgry.....	400
924.	William Hinkley.....	800
925.	Partridge Lattin.....	200
926.	Mr. Farlow.....	900
927.	Edward Willard.....	800
929.	Christian Eupard.....	1,000
931.	Myer Kaufman.....	800
932.	Caroline Mack.....	200
933.	Charles Byerly.....	500
935.	Charles W. Smith.....	200
938.	Jacob Tenner.....	1,000
Dwellings on Seventh street—		

No.	Occupants.	Loss.
939.	Susan Spring, occupant.....	\$150
955.	William Richardson.....	500
957.	A. B. Singerly.....	250
958.	Forrest Engram.....	500
959.	August Corral.....	1,000
960.	Rebecca Stupp.....	1,300
961.	Mary Brown.....	3,000
962.	Mr. Kohler.....	1,500
963.	Mrs. Wright.....	1,000
968.	Christian Kastle.....	500
970.	Theodore Stauffer.....	300
972.	Henry Smith.....	200
973.	W. J. Byrne.....	100

Besides these, the factory of John R. Cobb was destroyed, involving a loss of \$30,000, and a plant of lumber belonging jointly to Mr. Cobb and Messrs. Sauer & Co., valued at \$50,000, was reduced to ashes. Dozens of horses and other property were scorched, blistered, and drenched. The total loss by the fire will be about \$110,000.

The Destructive Conflagration This Morning.

The Fire Department had plenty to do within the past twenty-four hours. First came the terribly destructive fire on Marshall street, and then followed, at twenty minutes past one this morning, a fire at the buildings Nos. 527 and 529 Commerce street, which destroyed property to the extent of not less than \$70,000.

The buildings Nos. 527 and 529 are five-story brick structures. They were filled with printing materials, papers, rags, and yarn, and it was not long after the fire started that the whole buildings were enveloped in flames.

Messrs. Spangler & Davis, steam-power printers, occupy the first floor of No. 529, and Percival Collins, dealer in rags and paper-bags, the first floor of No. 527. The fire started at the fire originated in the upper stories, neither of these portions were touched by the flames, but were thoroughly inundated with water. The loss of Mr. Collins may be put down at a rough estimate at \$10,000, upon which there is ample insurance. Messrs. Spangler & Davis also occupied the second and fourth floors of Nos. 527 and 529. Their place was fully stocked with materials and presses. The loss they sustain equals their insurance, which is as follows:—

Mr. John H. Smith, manufacturer of yarns and zephyrs, occupies the third floor. His loss is \$4,000. Insured \$2,000 on machinery and \$2,000 on stock in the Royal.	\$13,000
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These buildings run back about one hundred feet to the rear of two four-story store-houses facing at Nos. 19 and 21 North Sixth street. The latter of these properties, No. 21, is occupied on the first floor by Horatio G. Kern, surgeon and dental instrument maker, and who also is the owner of the two buildings on Commerce street, and also of the one occupied by himself and the structure No. 19, occupied by Messrs. E. K. Tryon, Jr., & Co., gunsmiths. Mr. Kern's place was washed with water.

Mr. Kern owns the Fire and Marine Insurance Co. on Sixth street. On the Commerce street buildings he had an insurance of \$3,000, and loses about \$600 on machinery and damage to the building. The sixth street buildings were each insured for \$20,000 in the Fire and Marine Insurance Co. on Sixth street.

The second floor of No. 21 is occupied by Messrs. W. S. Fortescue & Co., book publishers. They were drenched with water. Loss small. Insured in the Etna Insurance Company.

William Southwood, dealer in aquariums and flowers, at No. 17, lost about \$50 from the destruction of an awning and the smashing of some glass when the western wall of the Commerce street building fell.

The establishment of Dr. Schenck was not in the slightest damaged.

Assistant Fire Marshal Randall labored most assiduously at these fires, and is now busily investigating the subject of their origin.

THE SLATE.—Last night the leading lights of the Democracy met at the club house, No. 1014 Walnut street, and arranged the list of local Democratic candidates as follows:—

For Mayor—John Robbins.

For District Attorney—William Sheppard.

For City Treasurer—G. F. Fry.

For City Controller—William Harrison.

For City Commissioner—General Baller.

For City Solicitor—Thomas J. Barger.

For Coroner—Dr. Roth.

THREE AT THE FIRE.—Charles Reese, during the fire on Commerce street this morning, attempted to steal some articles from the store of Messrs. E. K. Tryon, Jr., & Co., No. 19 North Sixth street. Officer Mooney, of the Fourth district, arrested him, and the prisoner will be at the Central hearings this afternoon.

AN AMATEUR "ROMEO."

High Jinks on the Tomb of the Capulets.—A Rare Entertainment at the Academy of Music—Hamlet's "Rebustious Privileged Fellow" Outdone for Once—Coppers and Cabbages from an Enthusiastic Audience.

"O Romeo, Romeo! wherefore art thou Romeo?" About six weeks ago there appeared in the advertising columns of a morning contemporary the following unique paragraph, credited to the Medical Repository, a new authority in matters of high art:—

"Having heard that John S. Estlin intends to adopt the stage as a profession, we feel called upon to say that we believe this man to possess the most wonderful tragic genius in the world. He appears to be a perfect master of every passion of the human soul, and can exhibit at will the faintest and the most violent utterance, or give vent by one loud outburst of furious passion to all the fiery feelings of the human heart. We speak from our own knowledge of the man, having heard him ourselves."

Soon after appeared the announcement that Mr. Estlin would appear at the Academy of Music in "Shakespeare's sublime tragedy of Romeo and Juliet," with a number of well-known artists in the cast. Having once divulged his plans to the public, our "most wonderful tragic genius" followed it up by telling the people through frequent advertisements who and what this man Shakespeare was, with choice extracts from his plays as a forerunner of the grand treat in store. Last evening "the most wonderful tragic genius" made his debut, and the Academy of Music was filled to overflowing.

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The handbills and advertisements had promised the audience the "overture and other choice selections from the opera of Romeo and Juliet," by "select orchestra." The orchestra, however, was non-existent, and Shakespeare's "sublime tragedy" was rendered without any dilutions by the strains of Gounod or Bellini.

When the "tragic genius" made his appearance, he greeted the audience with an applause, which, before the close of the first act, became so continuous that "the genius" was slightly incommoded. He persevered, nevertheless, and at the close of the act, was called before the curtain by a loud and enthusiastic applause made full amends for its meagreness, and who had by that time come to see that they were enjoying about the rarest tragic treat that had ever been given in the Academy.

"Alas, poor Romeo, he is already dead!" exclaims "Mercutio" in one of the earlier scenes. At length, at the close of the second act, the time he should have made his entrance in the first scene of act third, to encounter the taunts of "Tybalt." There was a delay of full five minutes before "Romeo" appeared, after "Tybalt" had exclaimed:—

"Here comes my man." "Where's the d—l is your man?" roared a small boy in the third tier.

"Romeo, where art thou?" drawled out a venerable octogenarian, opposite to the stage, who had a copy of the play in his hand, and was assiduously following "the tragic genius" through his part.

"Here he comes," finally exclaimed one of the audience writers, as "the genius" rushed upon the stage from the wrong direction, a perfect picture of despair.

The audience became ecstatic at this point, and roared like mad. The interest deepened as the play progressed, and when the scene in the "Juliet" chamber came on another climax was reached. Just as "the genius" was pouring out his heart to his mock love, an enthusiastic youth in the family circle buried a handful of coppers at the enameled "Romeo." This slight discovery, however, did not check the flow of love leaves which quickly followed it. But the indignity was not consummated until, as "the genius" was about stretching his two hands towards heaven, he was greeted by an enormous cascade of coppers, which fell at his feet and smote him on the toes. Then the thing became monstrous, and "Romeo" turned upon his persecutors. Wheeling up to the footlights, he exclaimed pathetically:—

"Ladies and gentlemen, I'm a sick man!" "So you are!" came from one of his auditors. "I'm not fit to be here," he continued.

"That's so!" was the ready response. "Ladies and gentlemen, I have been studying this part so hard that I haven't had time to eat, put 'the tragic genius' again."

"Go take a drink!" shouted a man in the family circle.

And so the fun progressed, until another rare point was reached at the tragic catastrophe in the last act, when "the genius" said:—"Easy, easy!" came from all parts of the house, as the unfortunate lovers were letting themselves down, and when they were stiff and stark on the floor, the enthusiastic youth in the family circle threw the handful of coppers over his head.

"Set 'em up again!" "But they are not to be set up again. They had done their duty nobly, and were in at the death, and he said so!"

Perhaps the best solution of the unique entertainment that could be given was that made by a sympathetic auditor, who, during one of the acts, mounted the stage and commenced:—

"Ladies and gentlemen, I once knew a man in a lunatic asylum who said:—

"Estlin! Estlin! Estlin! the man!" cried a dozen voices in chorus.

"When," continued the sympathetic auditor, "when I asked him what brought him here, he said, 'I had written a book on the subject, and it couldn't throw me, I rode it until I fetched up here.'"

"Estlin! the man!" again shouted the audience, and the rest of the speech was lost in the uproar.

SALE OF REAL ESTATE AND STOCKS.—The following sales of real estate and stocks were made at the Exchange yesterday at noon by M. Thomas & Sons:—

2 shares Kensington National Bank.....	\$112
5 shares Merchants' Hotel Co.....	85
10 shares National City Bank.....	95.50
10 shares Commonwealth National Bank.....	64.25
100 shares Empire Transportation Co.....	60.00
1 share Mercantile Cemetery Co.....	1.00
64 shares Vineyard Furnace and Glass Co.....	50.00
1 share Mercantile Library Co.....	1.00
100 shares McClintockville Petroleum Co.....	61.00
80 shares Frederickburg and Alexandria Railroad.....	39 per ct.

RESCUING A PRISONER.—Officer Mullen, of the First district, yesterday in custody a prisoner on Gray's Ferry road, below South street. A friend of the prisoner, named Edward Foster, assisted the policeman whereupon he was arrested, and was held in \$600 bail by Alderman Dallas.

GENERAL.—Mr. Frank Hamel, living at No. 1016 Marshall street, kindly supplied some eatables and drinkables for the firemen and policemen after the fire was extinguished on Marshall street, last evening.

PHOTOGRAPHIC.

The Third Annual Exhibition of the National Photographic Association of the United States.—The Opening of the Picture Display This Morning.—A Fine Exhibition.

The third annual exhibition of the National Photographic Association of the United States opened at 10 o'clock this morning in the Horticultural Hall, with the picture display of the finest photographic works of art from all parts of the world.

The Photographic Association will, in addition to this exhibition, hold various meetings and exhibitions during the week. The display in Horticultural Hall will continue until June 13, and will be open both in the day and evening. The orchestra will be in attendance at the night entertainments and perform select programmes. On Wednesday (to-morrow) afternoon, a public anniversary reception will be held at the Academy of Music, at which time the programme will include music, addresses, and stereoscopic displays.

On Wednesday evening a popular lecture on light will be delivered by Professor Henry Morison, Ph.D., before the association, and on Thursday evening another lecture on the same subject and by the same lecturer.

Delegates are now present in the city from all parts of the United States, to attend the meetings of the association. The number of visitors to the exhibition has been very large, and the city is quite large, and it is hoped that they will all heartily enjoy their visit.

The picture display which opened this morning will demand a large share of the attention of the visitors. The picture display is a most complete, and the picture display is a most complete, and the picture display is a most complete.

The exhibitors were not yet all fully represented, but great numbers of contributions fully and carefully assorted and arranged. Our city photographers were fully represented, as well as those from all parts of the United States and Europe. Among the Philadelphia delegation were some very fine and large pictures of miscellaneous kinds from Gustav Kunst; a very large assortment of out-door views and insides of buildings, from R. Newell, many of which were familiar scenes in this neighborhood.

The display of Gihon & Thompson occupied an entire alcove, and as large an assortment from Oser hung along a portion of one side wall of the hall. Wamsley & Co. exhibited some lovely types of exquisite finish, and Albert Moore contributed a number of beautiful and interesting pictures enlarged by means of the solar camera from small negatives. The American Photographic Relief Printing Company exhibited numerous specimens of photographic mechanical work, by the Woodbury process, in which that company is now able to turn out in good style.

F. A. Wenderoth contributed the results of experiments in carbon printing, which showed the finest of long experience. The department was extensive. The display of mechanical photographs of machinery, etc., was very complete, and showed how far photography is now used to aid the mechanical arts.

Yanshke & Broderick contributed several good specimens of portrait work; and Herman Roetger, manufacturer of photographic lenses, had a most elaborate case filled with the finest productions of his workshop. F. Kelsnyder showed a large assortment of passe-partouts, and Hale, Gooding & Co. exhibited a number of fine photographs.

The tables from Wilson, Hood & Co. were burdened with specimens of every kind of material or substance used in the art, and a similar set of tables were furnished from E. & H. T. Anthony & Co. of New York. The display of recent specimens from W. Kurtz, some of which were very large and fine, especially some cattle views from life, large size, and a view of Broad street, Philadelphia, looking north from Spring Garden, also contributed to the display.

Some colored specimens from D. B. Bedlin, of Philadelphia, were very fine, and the table of photographic materials from Castle, of Cleveland, was elaborate and complete.

The display of foreign photographs was probably the most attractive. The pictures of this department were from Moser, Sr., and Carl Sneh, of Berlin; from Grasshoff, Ulerville, and Brigny, of Leamington. In addition to all these there was a very large quantity of national views, stereoscopic and statuary pictures, autotypes, glass positives, and the like. The exhibition, altogether, offers the greatest of inducements to all lovers of beauty or of the fine arts.

MOYAMENING.

Annual Report of the Prison Agent.—His Majesty's Prison Agent, Mr. M. C. Mullen, has just received the annual report of the Philadelphia Society for Alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons. He says:—

He has endeavored to make his constant care to do what he could for the prisoners, and in the settlement of over \$5,000 cases of persons who have been incarcerated, and have now been released by his management, whom he has been instrumental in releasing from the beginning, he takes considerable interest in their welfare.

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HIGHWAY ROBBERS.

Daring Attempt to Rob a Baltimorean.—The Thieves Captured and Quickly Disposed of.

A Baltimorean, named Daniel Finn, on his way from New York, arrived at the depot at Thirty-first and Market streets at about half-past twelve last night. He was met in the depot by two notorious thieves named James Smith and John Burns.

These fellows took him over to a tavern opposite and proposed to treat him, which proposition he accepted. They then asked him to take a walk, and he complied. After sauntering around for a while the thieves pretended that they desired to go up Ludlow street, and Mr. Finn accordingly went with them. When they arrived at a lonely spot one of the men seized Mr. Finn, ran him against a fence, and tripped him up.

They both fell, and during the scuffle the other party busied himself in trying to get at the pocket-book of the Baltimorean, who during this time was fighting with vigor and screaming "help," "police," etc. Officer McDonald, of the Sixteenth district, heard the cry, and rushed to the spot.

The two fellows scampered off, but the policeman arrested both of them by a prompt production of his revolver. Officer Urian coming up, the highway robbers were taken to the police station, where they were held for a few days. The thieves did not succeed in getting at his pocket-book. The prosecutor wished to return to his native city, but Lieutenant Leech detained him until this morning.

The Lieutenant thought the prisoners in this morning had them assigned before the Grand Jury. Mr. Finn testified, a true bill was found, and the second trial will be tried this afternoon in the Court of Quarter Sessions.

Many robberies of this kind are perpetrated in the neighborhood of the railroad depots, and the thieves generally escape justice because the prosecutors will not remain in town to appear against them in the dwelling.

DISORDERLY HOUSE BROKEN UP.—On Chestnut street, above Thirty-fourth, is a house kept by Henry McKeown. For years past it has been the resort of wordy and rowdy characters, both male and female. Yesterday afternoon some half dozen parties were in the establishment, and their riotous conduct and profanity caused much annoyance to respectable people. A higher score out a warrant before the Mayor, and the police were sent to break down the place.

There a squad of officers who entered the place and arrested three or four others, beside Mr. and Mrs. McKeown. The entire party were marched to the alderman's office for a hearing. The magistrate, considering the party to be a nuisance, but held the husband and wife in \$1,000 bail each.

NOTORIOUS PICKPOCKET CAUGHT.—Readers of local news should be familiar by this time with the character of Lewis Jones, alias "Brother Bones," one of the most dexterous pickpockets in this city. He was yesterday captured, and the negro parade was passing Eighteenth and Chestnut streets, Lewis tried to operate upon the pocket of a lady who was standing watching the parade. She screamed, and Lieutenant Fishery and Officer Carr ran up in time to discover "Brother Bones" in the act of carrying off the lady's watch. The officers followed, and captured him on Seventeenth street, above Chestnut. Lewis is under \$500 bail by Alderman Morrow.

TWO BURGLARIES.—The residence of W. Harris Kneass, at Fortieth and Oregon streets, was entered last night and robbed of \$200 in silverware. The windows were found closed this morning, and the front door had been opened from the inside, and these circumstances lead to the belief that the thief had secreted himself in the dwelling.

Two thieves broke into James Manion, East Fairmount Park, this morning. They were surprised by Keeper Menes, who fired three shots at them, but they managed under cover of the woods to effect their escape.

THE PITTSBURGH SUFFERERS.—The Mayor this morning received the following additional contributions:—

C. of Somerset.....	\$10
H. E. Z.....	10
Knights of Labor.....	10
Previously acknowledged.....	1139
	\$1174

BOY RUN OVER.—A lad named Samuel Wetherill, of No. 3 Third street, was run over and slightly injured by a wagon, at Beach and Noble streets, yesterday afternoon.

REPUBLICAN REGISTRY.—This evening, from 4 to 8 o'clock, the Republican registry takes place.

CHEAP DRY GOODS.

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C. H. HAMRICK & CO.

No. 45 North EIGHTH Street.

Reg to announce to the public their determination to close out the following Goods at prices that will please buyers.

Hermans of all Grades, splendid goods, at 50 per cent. less than have been asked for same goods.

Black and Grey Silks reduced from \$1-75 to \$1-25.

Black Silks (all Silk warranted), \$1-25.

Black Silks (all Silk), splendid quality, \$1-50.

Bringing out our stock of Laces and Linen Suits.

All qualities of Laces and Linens for dresses, less than can be found elsewhere.

Pongees, all the best goods, at greatly reduced prices.

Laces in every variety, 20 cents, worth 35.

Percales in every variety, also, Robe Patterns, 25c.

Batiste Splendid French Dressing Stuffs, 35c.

All the New Style Piques closing out.

French Undressed Piques, very desirable.

Ladies invited to examine Prices.

68 South 5th St. C. H. HAMRICK & CO.

IN THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA.

Estate of COMLY SHOEMAKER, deceased. The Auditor appointed by the Court to audit, settle and adjust the account of ALLEN SHOEMAKER and EUNICE M. SHOEMAKER, Executors of COMLY SHOEMAKER, deceased, and to report distribution of the balance in the hands of the accountants, and also to report distribution of the fund paid out of court, arising from the sale of the real estate of said deceased, with the parties interested for the purpose of his appointment, on WEDNESDAY, June 6, 1871, at 12 o'clock M., at his office, No. 181 South FIFTH Street, in the City of Philadelphia.

GEO. M. DONAHUE, Auditor.

OFFICE OF BOILER INSPECTION DEPARTMENT, No. 119 S. FOURTH Street.

At a special meeting of the Committee of Select and Common Councils on Steam Engine and Boiler Inspection, the Inspector was instructed to call the attention of Boiler Owners and Users to Section 4 of the Act of Assembly, approved May 17, 1864, which says:—

"If any person shall, on or after the first Monday of July next, maintain or keep in use or operation any stationary steam engine or boiler without a certificate that the same has been found to be safe and competent, as is hereinbefore provided, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction in the Court of Quarter Sessions for said county shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding five thousand (\$5,000) dollars and to undergo imprisonment in the jail of said county, either with or without labor, as the Court may direct, for a term not exceeding two (2) years."

The act approved July 7, 1869, with reference to insured boilers requires the endorsement of this Department, in order to exempt the owners or users from civil liability.

WILLIAM W. BURNELL, Chairman of Steam Engines and Boilers. T. J. LOVREY, Inspector. Philadelphia, June 5, 1871. 6 35

FOURTH EDITION

THE SOUTH AMERICAN TROUBLES.

The Arctic Expedition.

Colored Laborers' Strike.

The Manitoba Case.

Another Terrible Mutiny.

Politics in New England

FROM WASHINGTON